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SUBJECT: NLC DIETMAN ITO'S VISIT TO U.S.

SUMMARY. KOSUKE ITO, NEW LIBERAL CLUB'S (NLC) ONLY
REPRESENTATIVE ON LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE, WILL VISIT U.S. SEPTEMBER 12-14 FOR MEETINGS
WITH U.S. CONGRESSMEN. WHILE JAPANESE EMBASSY
SUPPOSEDLY IS MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM, WE RECOMMEND
DEPARTMENT ASSIST IF NECESSARY TO INSURE ITO'S FIRST
VISIT TO U.S. AD DIET MEMBER CONTRIBUTES TO NLC
APPRECIATION OF U.S. POLICIES. END SUMMARY.

1. NLC LOWER HOUSE MEMBER KOSUKE ITO INFORMED EMBOFF
SEPTEMBER 3 OF HIS PLAN TO VISIT U.S. SEPTEMBER 12-14
FOR TALKS WITH U.S. CONGRESSMEN. WHILE PRIMARY PURPOSE
OF VISIT IS TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVE DONALD FRASER
AND TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON JAPAN-ROK RELATIONS
FRASER MAY HAVE GIVEN JCP LOWER HOUSE MEMBER ATSUSHI
HASHIMOTO DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST
MONTH, ITO IS ALSO HOPING TO MEET SENATOR JOHN GLENN,
REPRESENTATIVE CLEMENT ZABLOCKI, AND OTHER CONGRESSMEN
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CONCERNED WITH ASIAN AFFAIRS. EMBOFF RECOMMENDED THAT
ITO WORK THROUGH JAPAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN MAKING
APPOINTMENTS, NOTING THAT HEAVY VISITOR SCHEDULE WOULD
LIMIT DEPARTMENT ABILITY TO ASSIST HIM.

2. COMMENT. ITO IS YOUNG (36) FIRST-TERM DIETMAN
FROM SUBURBAN TOKYO ELECTION DISTRICT WHICH INCLUDES

YOKOTA BASE AREA. HE IS ALSO ONLY NLC REPRESENTATIVE ON LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. SINCE HIS ELECTION LAST DECEMBER, HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN SERIES OF INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EMBOFFS TO DISCUSS FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. THIS, HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO U.S. PROVIDES GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE NLC THINKING ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO U.S. SUCH AS SECURITY RELATIONSHIP, BASE PROBLEMS AND JAPAN-ROK RELATIONS. WHILE ITO HAS REQUESTED MOFA TO MAKE WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM, WE HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN ASSIST JAPANESE EMBASSY IF NECESSARY IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH CONGRESSMEN, ESPECIALLY YOUNGER ONES, WHO MIGHT IMPROVE ITO'S APPRECIATION OF CURRENT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS ASIA.

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